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SUBJ: GOVERNMENT OF MALDIVES (GOM) REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL  
ASSISTANCE

REF: (A) STATE 176260, (B) COLOMBO 3158, (C) COLOMBO 2681

1. SUMMARY. THE GOM HAS ASKED FOR AN ADDITIONAL DLRS 18,500 TO CARRY ON PREVENTATIVE WORK TO INSURE AGAINST IMMEDIATE RE-CURRENCE OF CHOLERA. GOM REQUEST IS WITHIN 60 DAYS SINCE EPIDEMIC BROUGHT UNDER CONTROL. MEASURES PROPOSED ARE ENDORSED BY WHO MEDICAL PERSONNEL. EMBASSY URGES PROMPT APPROVAL. END SUMMARY.
2. RE PARA ONE REF. A, CHOLERA EPIDEMIC IN MALDIVES WAS PRONOUNCED UNDER CONTROL JUNE 8, AT WHICH TIME EMBASSY REQUESTED CANCELLATION OF TRAVEL ADVISORY. ACCORDINGLY, LESS THAN 60 DAYS HAVE ELAPSED SINCE CHOLERA OUTBREAK NO LONGER CONSIDERED EMERGENCY SITUATION. SECTION I, CHAPTER 2, PARA 2B.4 A AND B OF AID HANDBOOK PROVIDES FOR USE OF DISASTER ASSISTANCE FUNDS FOR PERIOD NOT TO EXCEED 60 OR 90 DAYS AFTER DISASTER. WE DEFER TO YOU DECISION ON WHICH SUB-PARA APPLIES IN THIS CASE.
4. RE PARA TWO REF. A, AS REPORTED IN REF. B, UNICEF AND WHO OFFICIALS DIRECTLY INVOLVED IN ASSISTING GOM IN COMBATTING CHOLERA SUPPORT NEED FOR CONTINUING PREVENTIVE MEASURES. AMERICAN CITIZEN MEDICAL DOCTOR SENIOR WHO OFFICIAL IN MALDIVES HAS FOLLOWED UP GOM REQUEST WITH PERSONAL APPEAL AND ENDORSEMENT TO US. WE WILL UNCLASSIFIED

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CONVEY CDC VIEWS ON VACCINATIONS TO GOM. HOWEVER, THIS IS ONLY ONE ELEMENT OF GOM PREVENTION CAMPAIGN, AND, IF YOU INSIST, COULD BE SPECIFICALLY EXCLUDED FROM OUR ASSISTANCE. GOM EXTENSIVE FOLLOW ON ACTIVITIES INCLUDE STRICT MEASURES ON DAILY CHLORINATION OF DRINKING WATER FACILITIES, ISOLATION OF CONTACTS, TREATMENT OF CONTACTS, HARBOR SURVEILLANCE, SUPERVISION OF FOOD VENDING ESTABLISHMENTS, AND ENVIRONMENTAL SANITATION. GOM IS INCURRING

HEAVY EXPENSES FOR THIS PROGRAM, INCLUDING TRIPS TO THE WIDESPREAD ATOLLS.

4. ON BASIS OF APPARENTLY SOUND GOM PREVENTIVE PLAN AND SUPPORT OF COMPETENT UN MEDICAL PERSONNEL FOR THAT PLAN, EMBASSY RECOMMENDS THAT ADDITIONAL DISASTER RELIEF ASSISTANCE REQUESTED BY GOM BE GRANTED.

5. ACTION REQUESTED: ADDITIONAL FOREIGN EMERGENCY RELIEF FUNDS IN AMOUNT OF DLRS 18,500 BE MADE AVAILABLE TO THE EMBASSY. PROVIDE APPROPRIATE OBLIGATION DATA FOR FUNDS PROVIDED.  
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